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ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD AT THEIR DISCRETION AND AT THE LEVEL
THEY CONSIDER APPROPRIATE CONVEY FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO
HOST GOVERNMENTS.

UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ROBINSON WILL BE VISITING
ALGIRS FOR A LONG-SCHEDULED DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL ECONOMIC
MATTERS THIS COMING WEEKEND. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON WILL
JOIN MR. ROBINSON TO PERMIT FULL REVIEW OF SITUATION IN AREA
AS WELL. HE HAS ALSO OFFERED TO VISIT RABAT FOR SIMILAR REVIEW.

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HE WILL HAVE GENERAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST,
INCLUDING SITUATION IN MEDDLE EAST, SAHARA, BILATERAL MATTERS.

INSOFAR AS HIS DISCUSSIONS DEAL WITH SAHARA QUESTION, ATHERTON
VISIT DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INDICATE ANY INTENTION ON PART OF USG
TO UNDERTAKE MEDIATORY ROLE; HIS DISCUSSIONS AS THEY RELATE
TO SAHARA QUESTION WILL BE CONCERNED WITH ITS EFFECT ON BILATERAL
U.S.-ALGERIAN AND U.S.-MOROCCAN RELATIONS. OUR POSITION REMAINS
THAT WE BELIEVE DIFFERENCES OVER SAHARA ISSUE SHOULD BE WORKED
OUT THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS IN REGIONAL CONTEXT WITH WHATEVER
ASSISTANCE CONCERNED REGIONAL COUNTRIES AND UN CAN PROVIDE
AND THAT ALL CONCERNED SHOULD SEEK TO AVOID ANY ACTIONS WHICH
WOULD TEND INTERNATIONALIZE THE PROBLEM. END MESSAGE.
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